

HONORING THE TWENTIETH ANNI-
VERSARY OF CHATEAU DU
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HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Chateau du Sureau of Oakhurst, California, on the celebration of its 20th anniversary. The Chateau du Sureau has been instrumental in bringing visitors to see the wonders of the high Sierra Nevada and our San Joaquin Valley. It has also served as vibrant example of what can be accomplished with drive and remarkable business talent.

A truly notable highlight of Central California, the Chateau du Sureau is nestled just sixteen miles from the south entrance of Yosemite National Park. Since its founding in 1991, the Chateau du Sureau has embraced the natural beauty of the Sierras and coupled it with the glamour and luxury of old European traditions. The Chateau du Sureau's magical atmosphere has attracted visitors from all around the world including Europe, Asia, and the entire United States.

The Chateau du Sureau has been widely successful because of its dedication to its guests. Not only has the Chateau du Sureau been applauded by its guests for its impeccable service and attention to detail but it has also received notable and distinguished awards. The Chateau du Sureau received the American Automobile Association's (AAA) Five Diamond Award and the Forbes Five-Star.

Mrs. Erna Kubin-Clanin is the proprietor of the Chateau du Sureau. Erna first opened her award-winning restaurant, Erna's Elderberry House in 1984. Business was so successful; she built the Chateau du Sureau to accommodate the many visitors who traveled from all over the world. Her years of tireless commitment and highest regard for her guests have not only made her a successful business woman, but also made her a beloved member of our community.

I applaud the Chateau du Sureau, Mrs. Erna Kubin-Clanin, her husband Dr. René Clanin, and their entire staff for maintaining exquisite accommodations and elegance beyond expectations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me as we stand and shine a spotlight on the Chateau du Sureau as they celebrate twenty years of pride and progress.

REVEREND PAUL A. McDONNELL

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Reverend Paul A. McDonnell, Oblate of St. Joseph, for his lifelong dedication to serving his church and his community.

Father McDonnell began his spiritual journey immediately after graduating from Wyoming Area High School by entering the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary in Laffin, Pennsylvania. During his time as a seminarian, he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from King's College in Wilkes-

Barre, Pennsylvania. After spending five years in Rome, Italy, Father McDonnell returned to the United States with a bachelor's degree in sacred theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) and a master's degree in pastoral theology at the Lateran University. Upon his return, he was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in his home parish of St. Anthony of Padua, Exeter, by former Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo.

Father McDonnell has served the Pennsylvania Province of the Oblates of St. Joseph Congregation as assistant pastor; pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Pittston; and the provincial superior of the Our Lady of Sorrows Province. Presently, he serves as the provincial vicar and secretary, as well as the North American representative at the Congregation's Rome headquarters.

Father McDonnell's service extends past his work in the Oblates of St. Joseph. He serves as Chaplin to UNICO and to the Ancient Order of Hibernians. McDonnell's community involvement is clearly evident as he was named the honorary chairman of the 2011 capitol campaign of the YMCA, and he holds positions on the boards of the Wesley Village Nursing Facility and the Earthly Angels Autism Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, on this day I would like to applaud the Reverend Paul A. McDonnell for his 20 years of serving parishes within the Diocese of Scranton and extending his hand to all of humanity. He is deserving of the honor of being named the Italian-American Association's 2011 Person of the Year.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF PETER L. JOHNSON

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on Ethics, and with and on behalf of my colleague, Representative SÁNCHEZ, the Ranking Member of the Committee, we rise today so that we may recognize the long and dedicated service of Peter Johnson to the House of Representatives. Peter is retiring this week from the Committee on Ethics, where he has performed two important functions for eight years. And well before he joined our Committee, Peter has been serving this community with pride and excellence since 1979.

Unbeknownst to most of the community, Peter has been our connection to so many of you. As both the Systems Administrator of the Committee and the Financial Disclosure Administrator, Peter has kept our office running and your financial disclosures on track. An important part of our tradition of excellent customer service, Peter is the unseen trooper whom anyone with an extension has relied upon. And beyond financial disclosures, Peter has managed the significant amount of material we produce on-line to help you understand our processes, our rules, and our results.

Prior to joining the Committee on Ethics, Peter climbed the ranks of the office of the Clerk of the House, serving the community in the vital function of public disclosure for a number of records trusted to the Clerk's care. Peter has supervised, managed, and adminis-

tered most of the functions so crucial to the sunlight we welcome in this institution. In the Clerk's office, Peter was an institutional liaison to both the Federal Election Commission and the lobbyist community to ensure, in both arenas, that the House of Representatives served the public's interest in access to important information that the people have relied upon for many years.

In short, Peter Johnson has been a model of professional non-partisan dedication to some of the most important functions of accountability and transparency for the House of Representatives for over 30 years now. On behalf of a grateful Committee and community, we thank him for his service and wish him all the best in his retirement from this journey and his transition to the next.

KEITH CARY NAYLOR

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Keith C. Naylor for his 36 years of dedicated service at the VA Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Mr. Naylor began his career in 1975 as a kinesiologist at the VAMC. Shortly thereafter, Naylor worked with his fellow therapists to develop the Wheelchair Olympics at the VAMC. Mr. Naylor would be selected to coach the VAMC Wilkes-Barre Wheelchair Olympics team in San Diego in 1995.

A Certified Diabetes Educator, Mr. Naylor was assigned to the orthopedic clinic of Physical Therapy department, where he developed the diabetic exercise and education program at the VAMC in Wilkes-Barre. He was also assigned to the orthopedic and neurological clinics of the Physical Medicine Department, as well as to the psychiatric and substance abuse clinics.

Mr. Naylor has gone above and beyond during his career, obtaining many acknowledgements and awards. He has been recognized on more than one occasion for his performance at the VAMC because he contributed to the mission of his department by substantially exceeding performance requirements. In 1980 he assisted in the Vietnam Outreach program and improved the lives of many Vietnam veterans by encouraging them to use the VAMC to serve their needs. In 1987, Naylor was named Employee of the Year for his work with the employee exercise program. Mr. Naylor gained praise as he became the M.O.V.E. Coordinator in 1993. He used his knowledge and skills to help overweight and obese veterans manage their weight through nutrition and exercise for eight years.

Mr. Speaker, Keith C. Naylor has used his 36 years at the VA Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre to not only provide for his family, but to improve the overall quality of life of our country's veterans. He used his personality, skills, and compassion to help those who need it, and has been an asset to the VA Medical Center. As he steps down from his post, he will certainly be missed by all who have worked with or been served by him.